

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on February 10, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): HB 445, 446, 474, 471,
Executive Action: 474, 182,; Tabled: HB 471,
446, 445, 148
Dates Posted: 445, 446, 2/5; 474, 471, 12/5

HEARING ON HB 445

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CAROL JUNEAU

EXHIBIT(sth33a01)**EXHIBIT**(sth33a02)**EXHIBIT**(sth33a03)

A bill allowing people to register to vote on election day.
Would serve to help rectify voter apathy if they could show up
that day, and not have to have been registered at least 30 days
in advance.

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Proponents' Testimony:

CRAIG SWEET, Leg. Director Mt. PERG **EXHIBIT**(sth33a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.0 - 8.7}

WENDY YOUNG, WEEL

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9 - 9.8}

DEBBIE SMITH, Mont. Common Cause **EXHIBIT**(sth33a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.9 - 11}

ROBERT THROSSEL, Mt. Assoc. of Clerk and Recorders

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 13.5}

VICKY ZEIR, Mt. Assoc. of County Clerk and Recorders

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7 - 19.7}

DUANE WINSLOW, Mt. Assoc. of Clerk and Recorders,

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.9 - 26.7}

SUSAN HAVERFIELD, Mt. Assoc. of Clerk and Recorders,

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8 - 30.6}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 20}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. CAROL JUNEAU

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.0 - 18.9}

HEARING ON HB 446

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CAROL JUNEAU

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5 - 26}

Proponents' Testimony:

JOE KERWIN, Deputy Sec. of State for Elections
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1 - 29.4}

DEBBIE SMITH, Written Testimony (see Exhibit 5)

Opponents' Testimony:

ROBERT THROSSEL, Mt. Assoc. of Clerk and Recorders
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.5 - 31}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 17.9}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. CAROL JUNEAU
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18 - 18.9}

HEARING ON HB 474

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CHASE HIBBARD
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.9 - 20}

Proponents' Testimony:

JOHN MCEWAN, Administrator State Personnel Div. **EXHIBIT**(sth33a06)
{Tape :2; Side :A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.6 - 26.7}

TOM SCHNEIDER, Public Employees Assoc., Mt.
{Tape :2; Side :A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8 - 29.9}

TERRY MINNOW, MEA/FTA
{Tape :2; Side :A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.9 - 32}

DAN ANDERSON, Dept. of Public Health

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

JOHN ANDREW, Dept. of Labor and Industry
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter :3.2 - 3.7}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.1 - 7.5}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. CHASE HIBBARD

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.6 - 8.6}

HEARING ON HB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD-SUB SPONSOR for
REP. JOHN COBB

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.5 - 12.3}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

DEBBIE SMITH, Mt. Common Cause

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5 - 17.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2 - 25}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD-SUB SPONSOR FOR REP. JOHN
COBB

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.1 - 28.1}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 471

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved HB 471 DO PASS

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.5 - 28.8}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 29.7}

Motion/Vote: REP. WAGNER moved to Table HB 471. The motion
carried unanimously 17-0.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.7 - 32}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 474

Motion: REP. GOLIE moved HB 474 DO PASS

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 0.6}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.7 - 4.1}

Vote: The motion carried 15-2; REPS. WAGNER, ADAMS VOTING NO.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.7 - 4.8}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 445

Motion: REP. LINDEEN moved HB 445 DO PASS.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.1 - 5.2}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.4 - 10.4}

Motion/Vote: REP. WALTERS moved TO TABLE HB 445. Motion carried
17-0 unanimous.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 446

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved HB 446 DO PASS
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2 - 11.4}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 17.8}

Vote: The motion failed 7-10; REPS. WALTERS, HEDGES, ADAMS,
ANDERSON, TASH, MOOD, WAGNER, CLARK, THOMAS, BRAINARD VOTING NO.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.8 - 20}

Motion: REP. BRAINARD moved to reverse the vote and TABLE HB 446
10-7. Motion carried.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 21}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 148

Motion: REP. GOLIE moved HB 148 DO PASS
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 21.5}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5 - 31.8}
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2.2}

Vote: Motion failed 6-11; REPS. WALTERS, HEDGES, SMITH, ADAMS,
ANDERSON, TASH, MOOD, WAGNER, CLARK, THOMAS AND BRAINARD VOTING
NO.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2 - 5.4}

Motion: REP. BRAINARD moved that HB 148 BE TABLED and the vote reversed to 11-6. Motion carried.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.4 - 5.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved DO PASS on HB 182

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.5 - 9.4}

Informational Discussion: Sheri Heffelfinger **EXHIBIT**(sth33a07) amendment

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.4 - 9.6}

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved DO PASS on HB 182 as amended

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6 - 9.7}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.7 - 12.2}

Motion: The motion carried by unanimous vote to adopt amendment.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.2 - 12.9}

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved HB 182 DO PASS as amended.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.9 - 13.1}

Vote: The motion carried 15-2; REPS. ANDERSON AND WAGNER VOTING NO

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.1 - 17.4}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:11 A.M.

REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

KAREN MILLS, Secretary

MB/KM

EXHIBIT (*sth33aad*)